

The Department of Treasury and the banks see things differently. The Treasury Department has issued a final rule to allow banks to accept the Mexican matricula I.D. card. But at the request of the banks, Treasury went even further. Their rule does not even require banks to maintain copies of the matricula cards.

Ignorance in this case might be good business practice, but it is dangerous and foolhardy security policy. Our responsibility as Members of Congress is to make sure that terrorists cannot use American banks to finance attacks on our people.

HELPING CHILDREN WHO NEED HELP THE MOST

(Mr. COOPER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago this House made a terrible mistake in the tax cut bill, partly because that bill was rammed through this House under the so-called marshal law rule, with minimal notice or debate. Some 12 million American children who need the help the most were left out of that bill; 444,000 Tennessee children were left out of that bill.

It is not too late to correct the mistake, and I hope that this House will take prompt action to help those 12 million children, including the 444,000 Tennessee children who need the help the most. The clock is ticking, Mr. Speaker. The world is watching. Let us help these kids.

ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE PROCESS

(Mrs. MILLER of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we saw a truly historic event as President Bush pushed the Israeli-Palestinian peace process forward. The road map to peace that President Bush has laid out has been accepted by the Israeli government, Palestinian Prime Minister Abu Mazan and other Arab leaders.

In fact, Abu Mazan became the first Palestinian leader to denounce terrorism as a solution to the conflict with Israel; and, significantly, those words were spoken in Arabic for the entire Arab world to hear.

Prime Minister Sharon also has helped move the process forward by not only continuing the dialogue but by taking concrete steps to show the commitment of the Israeli people to peace.

This is all very promising, but now words need to be backed up with action. None of this would have been possible without the bold leadership of President George W. Bush. I praise President Bush for his efforts. This is just another example of the President's consistent message to the world that

the United States is ready to lead the world in the fight against terrorism and in the pursuit of peace and freedom.

EXTEND TAX CREDIT FOR CHILDREN TO ALL AMERICANS

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats feel very strongly that we need to move to put back in place this tax credit for children and families of children at lower income levels. These are working people. The Republicans made a huge mistake, and it shows where they are coming from when they eliminated giving a child tax credit to these working families at the lower end of the income spectrum.

But now what I hear is that the Republicans in the other body say, well, they are not going to do this unless we also give a child tax credit to people at a little higher income level. Now we hear that here in this House the Republican leadership says that they are probably not going to do it anyway, because they do not want to give the tax credit to the families of these lower-income working families.

Once again, the Republicans created this problem because they would not include the child tax credit for these working families, and they are still trying to stop it from becoming law and demanding that more money go to higher income people in order to pay for it.

When is this going to stop? When are we going to wake up and realize that what the Republican leadership is really all about in this tax bill and this series of tax bills is just helping the elite, the wealthy elite?

WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION EXIST IN IRAQ

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq? We know to a moral certitude of such weapons. How do we know? Saddam Hussein told us. On December 7 of last year, he told the U.N. that he owned 30,000 chemical weapons, but he forgot where he put them. We have not even found the chemical weapons that Saddam admitted to the U.N. he made. There are over 500 WMD sites in Iraq, and we have inspected less than half of them.

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Remember Dr. Hussein Kamel? The U.N. inspected Iraq for 4 years between 1991 and 1995 and found no nuclear program. Dr. Kamel then told us that 40,000 Iraqis worked on nuclear weapons, but our intelligence missed it all.

WMD in Iraq, it is inevitable that a final chapter will be written in this

story. As Paul Harvey would say, and then we will say, "and now for the rest of the story."

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, a children's health agency has reportedly diverted Federal funds to a study of the sexual predilections of aging men.

Now, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development has provided more than \$137,000 for a 3-year study to provide the most comprehensive picture to date of the sexual behavior of aging men. The grants were sent in two fiscal years to the New England Research Institute to examine trends in a range of sexual behavior.

Good grief, we talk about budget deficits, and we spend our money like this. We should be ashamed. This money was intended to help children affiliated with pediatric illnesses and diseases, not to study sexual habits of America's senior men.

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development gets my Porker of the Week Award.

TAX CUT

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I also wish to rise and express my outrage that, in the passing of an irresponsible tax cut, Republicans deliberately prevented families with incomes under \$26,625 from receiving a child tax credit.

Here is a family that I represent in my district. They also happen to be a family that sent one of their sons to war. He is still in Iraq. He would not even qualify for a rebate. It is outrageous that 31 percent of California families right now will not be eligible for any tax credit, child tax credit. That is 2.4 million children in California alone, a State that I represent. In my district, one out of every four families will get no child tax credit.

Families like this work hard, pay their taxes, are expecting to get some help from the government, and get nothing. They do not want a handout; they just want to be treated fairly. Yet somehow Republicans found \$90 billion to give to 200,000 millionaire families. I do not even have one millionaire family that lives in my district.

This is the wrong thing to do. We need to not declare a war on working-class people.

CHILD TAX CREDIT

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)